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constitute a quorum to transact business. The said Civil Service Commissioners shall have been citizens of North Carolina and residents of the County of New Hanover for more than three years next preceding their appointment. The Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County may remove any of said Civil Service Commissioners, during their term of office, for cause, and shall fill for the unexpired term, any vacancy that may occur in said Civil Service Commission. The said Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County shall provide suitable rooms in which said Civil Service Commission may hold its meetings. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County shall be Clerk to the Civil Service Commission, and he shall keep a record of all its meetings and business done at said meetings. The Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County shall supply the said Civil Service Commission with all necessary equipment for carrying on its business.

SEC. 2. Before entering upon the duties of their office, each of said Civil Service Commissioners shall take and subscribe an oath which shall be filed in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, and to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability, freed from partisan distinction and control.

SEC. 3. Said Civil Service Commission shall on the first days of December and June of each year, or oftener, if it shall be deemed necessary, under such rules as may be prescribed by the Board of County Commissioners, hold examinations for the purpose of determining the qualifications of applicants for positions, which are to be filed by the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County, or by any officer of said county, which examinations shall be practical and shall fairly test the fitness of the persons examined for the discharge of the duties of the position to which they seek to be appointed. Said Civil Service Commission shall, as soon as possible after such examination, certify to the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County, or to any officer of said county who is permitted by law to appoint deputies or assistants, double the number of persons necessary to fill vacancies, who, according to its records, had the highest standing for the positions they seek to fill, as a result of such examination, and all vacancies which occur between the date of said examination and the date of the next regular examination shall be filled from said lists so certified.